Standing Order 26 is carried is to introduce, take into consideration or pass a bill. If a motion under Standing Order 26 were carried when such a motion was before the House it would under Standing Order 42 (3) have the effect of terminating the bill.

I am therefore of opinion that the motion to refer the Cochin Free Compulsory Primary Education Bill to a Select Committee is in order.

Resolutions:—Amount sanctioned for Medical Relief —half to be set apart for Ayurvedic Department.—(*cont.*)

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—President, Sir, there is no question regarding the sanction underlying the grant of three lakhs of rupees. But the grant is made for medical relief of the people at large. Since the grant is not for the pay of particular persons and since it is a grant for the people at large and since in the Budget Estimates only the grants relating to the pay of certain persons are alone non votable, I think this grant should have been made votable by the Government.

The Government ought to have taken the opinion of the people to whom the grant is made. It is for the public at large It is not easy to guage the opinion of the public and since we are the accredited representatives of the people, Government ought to have taken the sense of this House before diverting funds for any particular purpose. It has been told that suggestions have been made by the Chief Medical Officer to the Government to appropriate the amount for certain purposes which the Government has under consideration at present and the Chief Medical Officer is awaiting the orders of the Government and it has been told that no amount has been set apart for the furtherance of the Ayurveda and the Ayurvedic hospital at present. It has no house of its own it has no space enough for the in-patients and it has no garden where medicinal herbs may be planted. Further it is ill-manned. It is called after the name of His Highness the late lamented Maharaja. When we moved the question that this ought to have been brought before the Council, the House was told by the Secretary to the Diwan that it was not votable. If this award had been before the demise of His Highness, would the Government have excluded the case of this Rama Varmha Ayurvedic Hospital as they have done now? The fact that this came after the demise of His Highness allowed the Secretary to the Diwan to say that it was not votable and that they did not want to take the opinion of this House. This attitude as the Malayalam proverb says "അച്ഛനുറങ്ങാത്ത വീട് ഒരിക്കലും രക്ഷപെടുകയില്ല," is most reprehensible. I won't find fault with the Chief Medical Officer for it is true that he is very very selfish and partial to his first love whom he has wooed and won.

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This Ayurvedic Hospital, the hand-maid, has been thrust upon his capacious arms, which fact we have brought to the notice of the House on many an occasion. My only fear now is whether he has forgotten the hand-maid, of his love. So long as he holds the allopathic hospital, he cannot look to the other also. But at least she should have maintenance which she will get if she went to a court of law and we have found that it has no house, nothing to dress her, nothing to live upon, for which he ought to have suggested something to the Government. The people will be looking upon the orders of the Government as to how the Government is going to satisfy them with regard to the furtherance of the Ayurvedic Hospital. If the suggestions of the Chief Medical Officer are passed, they would be greatly disappointmented for he has not recommended anything for the Ayurvedic Hospital. We have now to look upon the Government to see that some provision is made for the Ayurvedic Hospital as well. With these few words, I support the resolution.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sir, it is strange that I am asked to speak about the resolution wherein the Council Members are of opinion that a portion of the 3 lakhs of rupees that has been granted by His Highness the Maharaja for the medical relief should be set apart for the Ayurvedic Hospital. When the Government asked me to formulate a scheme I had naturally to think of my department whose wants are far too many. Even this morning the Member for Nellayi had brought to the notice of this house by means of a question the inadequancy of the number of beds at Pudukad. I dare say the same is the story elsewhere. The Member for Kunnamkulam knows several wants that are being felt by the public of Kunnamkulam and roundabout, due to the inadequacy of space and other facilities in the hospital at Kunnamkulam. The Member for Chittur will say the same chorus as regards the hospital at Chittur. I dare say the Member for Nemmara if he were here, would have repeated the same thing as regards the hospital at Nemmara. If the Member for Trichur were here, he would have repeated the same story as regards the Civil Hospital at Trichur. Yesterday we heard a good deal said about the inadequacy of space at the Mental Hospital at Trichur and the Member for Cheruviruthi went so far as to cast certain aspersions upon me which I do not wish to dwell upon now. The condition of affiars in the Trichur Mental Hospital has been brought to the notice of the Government and the Diwan himself has been to the spot and seen the inadequecy of the accommodation in that institution, with a view either to shift the hospital from its present place or to keep it there and expand it. During the last several

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years so many buildings have been put up at the site which are not of very much use for any other institution as they have all been built to suit the needs of a Mental Hospital—that to shift it to another place would involve on the Government a large capital expenditure. It is for this reason that it was decided to keep it where it now is and try to improve it. Government has already sanctioned the construction of an additional wing this year and work is in progress. Out of the three lakhs a large amount has been set apart for the improvement of the Mental Hospital and the lion's share of the amount has been set apart for the construction of an up-to-date Hospital at Trichur. Some of the Members here expressed that I have been favouring a great deal the General Hospital at Ernakulam. I view it with pardonable pride that most of my official life was connected with the General Hospital and it is only natural that an officer who has anything to do with an institution likes to think of that institution first and foremost. But my present position as the Head of the Department has changed the whole situtation and it will be seen from the recommendations that I have made, that I have brought to the notice of the Government the needs of the Trichur Civil Hospital as the first and foremost, the next being the Mental Hospital. The Member for Jews, if he were here, would have stated that the needs of the Mattancheri Hospital are urgent. This institution has not been forgotten and a fairly good portion of the amount that has been given by His Highness is set apart for the improvement of the Hospital at Mattancheri also. If the Member for Narakkal were here he would have spoken about the present state of the institution in his constituency. A large amount has also been set apart for that institution. Irinjalakkuda is an institution where there is no labour ward, there is no operation room, and therefore that institution also has been given a large share. Coming to Vadakkâncheri the dispensary wherein a large number of in-patients are being admitted there is no operation room, a good kitchen is wanted and a good store room is also wanted. Myself and the Chief Engineer are bestowing great care and attention to every question and formulating schemes without leaving any of the institutions. As regards the General Hospital, there is a fear that the major portion of the money will be set apart for the improvement of that institution. I dare say the General Hospital is not yet complete, and compared with the amount that has been set apart for other institutions, the sum ear-marked for the General Hospital is very little. Chief items are a labour ward and an out-patient department.

Yesterday while discussing the condition of the space available in the Central Ayurvedic Hospital at Trichur, one of the

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members mentioned that there was not even standing space for the out-patients there. This condition can be seen to a great extent in the out-patient department of the General Hospital also on any morning. Everyone is feeling want of accommodation and we have to construct a spacious building for this department. As regards labour wards, many of these hospitals are feeling the want of the same and in these days when the Health Department is tackling the maternity and child welfare problem, hospitals should have lying-in-wards. Ever since women were admitted for delivery in the General Hospital after the construction of the women's section—the number of women that come for confinement exceeds the number that attends the Women and Children's Hospital, Mattanchery, or the Maternity Hospital, Trichur. In the present lying-in-ward in the General Hospital, we have only 14 beds inclusive of those on the verandahs. Hence a labour and lying-in-ward is essential. We have no ward for children and for the past 10 years children were accommodated on verandahs exposed to weather and it is high time that we constructed a children's ward also. As the ground area in the General Hospital is limited, the present intention is to put up an upstare building to accommodate children upstairs and have the labour ward downstairs. I may assure the House that all the money will not be spent on the General Hospital alone as was mentioned here yesterday. We have not neglected even the wants of the dispensary at Palayannur. The whole scheme will be published in the Gazette.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, on behalf of the Government I also oppose this resolution. Government have no desire nor are they called upon at this stage to enter into an elaborate investigation of the comparative merits and demerits of the two systems of medicine. Far from it. This is not the occasion for it at all. Government base their opposition upon totally different grounds. The mover of the resolution has very correctly stated that this is a newly opened department. Some capital expenditure and a good deal of recurring expenditure is being incurred by Government on account of this institution and surely the Hon'ble Members will agree with me when I say that the working of the whole department and the extent to which it caters to the needs of the general public have to be accurately ascertained and decided before anyfurther large capital expenditure can be justifiably incurred in connection with it. Unless the Government is perfectly satisfied with the working of these Ayurvedic institutions in the State, there is certainly no justifiable reason for expending such large sums upon them. These institutions are in their infancy and their working should be carefully watched by Government and the Government feel that

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the proper time to give an increased financial assistance to them is when they have expanded and when they begin to have necessities both pressing and immediate. As the Member for Medicine has pointed out to the House, the allopathic institutions about which Government have been receiving complaints ought certainly to be given preferential treatment. That is all that is proposed to be done with this 3 lakhs. That is going to be spent upon very necessary and definite purposes. The House must certainly know that institutions like the Trichur and Ernakulam Hospitals are located in centres and in places where they focus a large volume of patients. The expenditure that is proposed to be incurred with this amount which is very limited is in connection with institutions which have existed for a long time and about which there are complaints. It is not a case where money is going to be spent on purposes of doubtful utility. It is a case where the whole money is going to be spent upon purposes absolutely justifiable and necessary and thoroughly indispensable. Under those circumstances, I submit, to ask the Government to spend a large portion of this limited amount upon an institution, which, the mover of the resolution himself says, has been started only very recently would be a step of doubtful wisdom. We have not heard of any specific instance of any Hospital suffering from want of stock of medicines. As one who has something to do with the institution, I know as a matter of fact that that institution does not suffer from want of medicines there. I do not deny at all that a large number of people get access there. But I doubt whether all these people require the services of a lying-in-accommodation. There are two physicians already and because of the number of patients we have called in the services of an honorary physician also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What about the building ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is rented.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why not have a new building ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—That question can be tackled at the right time. The staff there has not been made permanent. The whole work has not been systematised. They have not even got into maintaining accounts in the proper fashion. I know all that. But I do not want to go into anything connected with that. It is being carefully watched. When the time comes, and the instiution has to find another building, which certainly it does not want now, Government will consider the question. There is no difficulty in that matter also. The question now is whether the immediate and pressing requirements of institution which have existed for a number of years and which attract greater number of patients from the outlying parts surrounding

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the places where they are located, whether these institutions have to be sacrificed for the pupose of the newly opened Ayurvedic Hospital which is only one year old. It is not a case where the Government is going to take up the position that by spending or allotting this 3 lakhs for these institutions, they will decline to consider the interests of other newly opened institutions. When they expand and the proper time comes, they will consider the interest of those institutions as well. I submit, with all humility, the Hon'ble Members of this House ought to see the wisdom of this position. Government ought not to fritter away this money or distribute it in small doles to the various Ayurvdic institutions existing in the different parts of the country.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞനെഴത്തുള്ളൻ.—സാർ, ഈ പ്രമേയംഞാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചത് എന്റെ എളിയ ബുദ്ധിയിൽ കൊച്ചീരാജ്യക്കാർക്കു വളരെ ഉപകാരപ്രദമായിരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള ബോധത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ്. ഇന്നലെഈ പ്രമേയം ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചപ്പോൾ എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം അധികമാളുകൾക്കും ഇല്ലെന്ന് എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാനിടയായി. ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള വാദപ്രതിവാദങ്ങൾ തുടർന്നപ്പോൾഇതിലെ വിഷയം എന്താണെന്നുള്ളത് മനസ്സിലാക്കാതെ ചില മെമ്പർമാർ സർവ്വമെങ്കിൽനിന്നും മുമ്പൊരവസരത്തിൽ ചിലപ്രാശ്നങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തത് അനുസരിച്ചവർ നടക്കാത്തത് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണെന്നും മറ്റു ചിലർ ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ ലാഫീസുക്കു ഭ്രാന്താശുപത്രിയുടെ അടുക്കൽ സ്ഥലമുണ്ട്. അതു സർക്കാരിനെക്കൊണ്ട് എടുപ്പിക്കാനുള്ള ശ്രമമാണ് അദ്ദേഹം ചെയ്യുന്നത് എന്നും പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽപ്പീസ്സർ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹം എന്തെല്ലാം ചെയ്യണമെന്നാണ് സർവ്വമെങ്കിനും ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നും പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ ഇതൊന്നും എന്റെ പ്രമേയത്തിൽ ഞാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള വിഷയങ്ങളല്ല. മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ട് വളരെ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഒരവസരത്തിൽ കൊച്ചീരാജ്യത്തെ സ്ഥിതിയിൽ വൈദ്യവിഷയത്തിൽ ചിലവാക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഗണ്യമായ ഒരു സംഖ്യ—മൂന്നുലക്ഷം ഉറുപ്പിക—ജനങ്ങൾക്കുപകാരപ്രദമായി തീരത്തക്കവണ്ണം ചിലവു ചെയ്യുവാനായിട്ടു നീക്കിവച്ചു. ആ സംഖ്യയിൽനിന്നും ഫർലക്ഷം ഉറുപ്പിക അടുത്തകാലത്തു തുറക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിസ്പാൻസ്സറിയുടെ നന്നാക്കി തീർക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടി നീക്കിവെച്ചാൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയം വഴി ഇവിടെ അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്. ഞാൻ ധരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത് കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തുള്ള ആളുകൾക്കു ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിസ്പാൻസ്സറിയെന്നു അലോപ്പതി ഡിസ്പാൻസ്സറിയെപ്പോലെയോ അതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതലായോ ഉപകാരപ്രദമായിത്തീരുമെന്നാണ്. ഈവിഷയത്തെപ്പ

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റ്റ് മറ്റുള്ളവർ പറഞ്ഞു കേട്ടിട്ടുള്ള അഭിപ്രായവും ഇതുതന്നെയാണ്. ഇന്നലെ ഈ പ്രമേയം അവതരിപ്പിച്ച ശേഷമുണ്ടായ വാദപ്രതിവാദത്തിനുശേഷം വോട്ടിനിടുവാനുള്ള അവസരം വന്നെക്കുമോ എന്നു നോക്കിയ സമയം ആളുകളില്ലാത്തതായ വെറും സ്പ്രിംഗ് കസേരകൾ മാത്രമാണ് ഞാനവിടെ അധികം കണ്ടത്. എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കഥ അതിലും സങ്കടാവഹവും ലജ്ജാവഹവും ആയ ഒന്നാണ്. ശമ്പളം വാങ്ങുന്നവരായ ശവമ്മെണ്ടുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ഫുൾ പേരും അവിടെ ഇരിയ്ക്കുവാൻ ചുമതലയുള്ളവരായതുകൊണ്ട് അവരവരുടെ സ്ഥാനങ്ങളിൽതന്നെ ഇന്നലെ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതുപോലെ ഇപ്പോഴുമുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഈ ഭാഗത്തു് ഇന്നലെ ഫുൾ പേർ മാത്രമേ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുള്ളൂ ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ ഭാഗത്തു അത്ര ആളുകൾതന്നെ ഇല്ല. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടു മേലധ്യക്ഷൻ ആയുർവ്വേദത്തെ തീരെ അവഗണിച്ച് ചില ചരിത്രകാരൻ ശവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ മുമ്പാകെ സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഇവിടെ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ ഇതിന്റെ അവസാന വിധി പറയുവാനുള്ള ആൾ അദ്ദേഹമല്ല, ദിവാൻജിയാണ് എന്നുള്ളതു് എനിക്കു് അല്പം സമാധാനം നൽകുന്നുണ്ട്. അദ്ദേഹത്തോടു് എനിയ്ക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു് നിങ്ങൾ അവസാനമായി ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒന്നുകൂടി ആലോചിച്ച് ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിനു വേണ്ട, ഈ സംഖ്യയിൽനിന്നു് എന്തെങ്കിലും നീക്കിവെക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്.

ഈ പ്രമേയം വോട്ടിനിടണമോ എന്നാലോചിക്കുമ്പോൾ നമ്മുടെ അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥ മെമ്പർമാരിൽ വു കസേരകളിൽ മാത്രമേ ഞാൻ ആളുകളെ കാണുന്നുള്ളൂ. കസേരകൾക്കു് കൈപൊക്കുവാൻ ശക്തിയില്ല എന്നുവരികൽ എന്തിനു്? ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ വോട്ടിനിടണമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. ആയുർവ്വേദത്തോടു സ്നേഹവും ബഹുമാനവും ഉള്ള എനിയ്ക്കു് ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ വളരെ മനോവേദന തോന്നുന്നു.

ഈ കസേരകളിൽ ഇരിയ്ക്കുവാനുള്ളവർ ഇനിയത്തെ യോഗത്തിലെങ്കിലും വരുമ്പോൾ ഈ മാതിരിയുള്ള പ്രമേയത്തെ പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുമ്പോൾ ആ മെമ്പറന്മാരോടു് അവരുടെ കസേര വിട്ടു പോകരുതെന്നു ശക്തിയായി ഉപദേശിക്കണമെന്നു് ഞാൻ ഈ വെറുംകസേരകളോടാവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.

ആയുർവ്വേദത്തിനോടു ഒട്ടുംതന്നെ അനുകൂലമില്ലാത്ത ചീഫ് മെഡിയ്ക്കലാഫീസരുടെ നാട്ടുശങ്കം കണ്ണടച്ചു പാസ്സാക്കരുതെന്നും അനുവദിച്ച മൂന്നു ലക്ഷത്തിൽനിന്നു കുറച്ചെങ്കിലും ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിലേക്കു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നും ഞാൻ ദിവാൻജിയോടപേക്ഷിക്കുകയും, ഞാൻ അടുത്ത അവസരത്തിൽ ഈ സംഗതിക്കു ഒന്നുകൂടി പരിശോധിച്ചുനോക്കാമെന്നു സമാധാനപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്തു ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിൻവലിക്കുവാനനുവദിക്കണമെന്നപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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The House rose for lunch at 2 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m. with Mr. A. Sankara Menon one of the Panel of Chairmen, in the Chair.

President.—Hon'ble Members, the Deputy President Mr. Govinda Menon is slightly unwell and so he is unable to preside. I have been asked by the Hon'ble President to preside this evening. I am very glad to do so because I can always count upon your co-operation. Now we will take up resolution No. 21 of Mr. T. K. Nayar.

Diwan to camp at Trichur at least a week every month.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—*This Council recommends to the Government that our Diwan may be pleased to camp at Trichur at least a week every month.*

സാർ, ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾ അധികമായിട്ട് ഏറണാകുളത്തു താമസമായതുകൊണ്ടും ഹജൂർ ആപ്പീസ് ഇവിടെ ആയതുകൊണ്ടും വടക്കെ തലയ്ക്കലുള്ളവർക്കു വല്ല വിവരങ്ങളും ദിവാൻജിയെ ധരിപ്പിക്കേണ്ടതായി വരുമ്പോൾ വഴിയാത്രച്ചിലവു ചെയ്ത് ഇവിടെ വരേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇവിടെ വന്നാലും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ജോലിത്തിരക്കുകൊണ്ടും മറവും മിക്കവാറും കാണുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വരുന്നുണ്ട്. ഈ ഒരു വിഷയത്തിൽ പല ദുർഘടങ്ങളും നേരിട്ടുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിനാൽ മാസത്തിൽ ഒരാഴ്ചയെങ്കിലും ദിവാൻജി തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ വന്നു താമസിക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഈ വക ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ കുറയുന്നതാണ്. ഒരാഴ്ചയിൽ കൂടുതലായാലും തരക്കേടില്ല. കുറഞ്ഞതു് ഒരാഴ്ചയെങ്കിലും ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ കാമ്പു് ചെയ്താൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്നു മാത്രമേ ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നുള്ളു. ഇങ്ങിനെയൊരു സൌകര്യം നാട്ടുകാർക്കു ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്താൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്നപേക്ഷിക്കുവാനാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയം അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ.—ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ജനങ്ങളുടെ സൌകര്യം മാത്രമല്ല, ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾ ഇടയ്ക്കിടെ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ വന്നു താമസിച്ചാൽ നാട്ടുകാർക്കു അദ്ദേഹത്തോടു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു് ഒരു സ്നേഹം തോന്നുവാനും വഴിയുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് നാട്ടുകാർക്കും ദിവാൻജിക്കും ഒരുപോലെ ഗുണമുണ്ടായിരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. അതിനാൽ ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, it may not be possible for the Diwan to camp at Trichur for one week every month. But as far as possible he will be very glad to do so.

Resolution was with leave withdrawn.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I don't move it.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

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